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INFO AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJ: COMMENT ON CHIANG MAI CONSUL'S VIEWS REGARDING POPPY

SUBSTITUTION

REF: BANGKOK 12233

1. "CONSUL JAMES MONTGOMERY PREPARED COMMENTS SUBMITTED REFTEL ON POPPY SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS IN NORTH THAILAND JUST BEFORE DEPARTING CHIANG MAI FOR REASSIGNMENT. MONTGOMERY RAISES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT WASHINGTON HAS REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS WITH REGARD TO PROBABLE IMPACT TO PRESENT PROGRAMS ON THE POPPY GROWING PROBLEM. HE FEELS THAT FAR MORE MASSIVE AND LONG-TERM PROGRAMS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT THE "SYSTEMATIC CHANGE" NECESSARY. THE EMBASSY AGREES THAT WOOING THE HILL-TRIBES AWAY FROM OPIUM CULTIVATION IS A MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM AND HAS WARNED (REF SECRET BANGKOK 8538) THAT OPIUM PRODUCTION MIGHT POSSIBLY INCREASE IN THE 1974-1975 GROWING SEASON.

2. THE MISSION IS DEVELOPING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT A SEPARATE ASSESSMENT OF THE GENERAL PROBLEM RAISED BY MONTGOMERY. IT WILL DEFINE AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE WHAT RESULTS CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED FROM THE PRESENT UN, RTG AND U.S.

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INVESTMENT IN POPPY SUBSTITUTION.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH I DO NOT PERSONALLY CONCUR WITH ALL OF MONTGOMERY'S CAVEATS, I BELIEVE HIS LONG EXPERIENCE IN CHIANG MAI ENABLED HIM TO ACQUIRE SOME PROVOCATIVE INSIGHTS INTO THE MATTER THAT SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE WASHINGTON NARCOTICS COMMUNITY.

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